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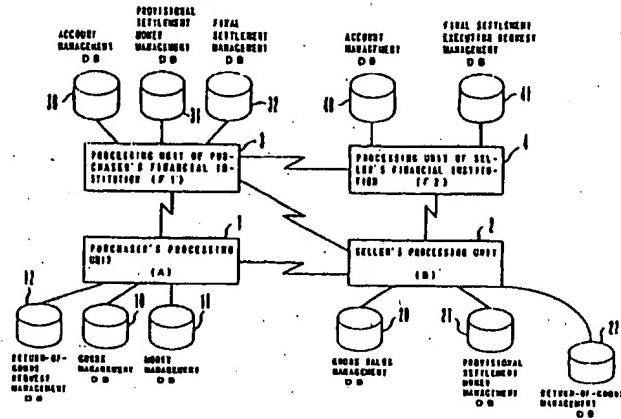
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(54) Electronic commerce settlement system

(57) In an electronic commerce settlement system, a processing unit (3) in a financial institution freezes an account balance at a request from a purchaser, generates provisional settlement money, that is, money information, and transmits the money to a purchaser's processing unit (1). The purchaser's processing unit (1) transmits a goods order request and provisional settle-

ment money to a seller's processing unit (2). The processing unit (3) in the financial institution makes a final settlement for the provisional settlement money based on a final settlement admission request from the purchaser who received goods and a final settlement request from the seller who received the provisional settlement money.



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